

## The Best "Self" of the Season.

With all our knowledge of "life," and particularly of New York life, with all our experience in the ways of the world, and especially in those ways which are most peculiar to a badly ballasted philosopher to attempt to study; with all our habit of observation, and in chief, that knack of detecting at once every new "slog" which the restless angels in Vanity Fair are continually casting out like a fresh "slog" upon the broad waters of this vast Babel of hoops and hope, we confess we have been frequently puzzled, nay, confounded, of late by certain appearances put forth by the well-dressed outside part of the town—as it spreads itself daily in the sunshine of the promenade, as it swarms and buzzes about the entrances and halls of popular picture galleries, or settles and nestles in the nooks and alcoves of certain sugar cake saloons. In visiting those places of popular resort, and sometimes in merely passing by them, we have often noticed unusual swarms of most carefully dressed people of both sexes, pouring in and out at certain hours, all looking fresh as paint, all smelling as if they were emissaries of the house of Lubin & Co., to dispense French perfumes, and yet all wearing as great a look of mystery, as if they were called by trumpet to be present at the opening of the seventh seal. How long we should have remained in our quandary; how many *Charlotte Russes* we might have eaten, or hours wasted over the fresh paint of the very fresh artists of the most bunkum galleries in town, to find the puzzle out, we know not, had not accident betrayed the secret of the whole affair.

This accident exposed to us the fact, that these apparently capricious and mysterious mass meetings of musk and lavender, of clashing silk, and swallow tailed "Imperial Saxony," grew out of the matrimonial columns of the daily Press, and were nothing more nor less than curious conventions of Chloes and Leanders, Henrys and Lavinias, who experimented in a blind business, in this rare, novel and certainly somewhat exciting "open your mouth and shut your eyes" kind of way.

The accident that we allude to having put us on the right track, we were soon in possession of abundant information, and from our budget we select one illustration, in order that our readers may go along wisely, and be as well instructed as ourselves.

A lady, who had no idea of looking for a husband, but with large proclivities for mischief and for fun, put a matrimonial advertisement in the  *Herald*, with direction for answers to be sent to a certain signature at the Broadway post office. As the advertisement appealed to the practical appreciations, by assuming a neat little fortune, in addition to an agreeable person, the seed of such temptation could not well fall idly upon such a fertile bottom as is offered by the city of New York. On the first day that succeeded the advertisement, the lady received seventeen replies; on the second day, thirty-two, and on the third, seventy-two: an extent and ardor of appreciation, for her vaguely described personal attractions, which even she was not prepared to expect.

Bewildered by the warm volume of adoration and entreaty which issued from this hymenal magazine, the lady called to her active ladies, as mischievous as herself, who, by throwing open the folding doors of a large sized pair of parlors, were enabled to sit in council, in full skirts, on the matter. One pair of hands and one mind were, of course, quite unequal to the task of answering all, so the batch of billet-doux was divided equally among the billowy congress, and each was to make an appointment with the writers for the following Saturday afternoon, at 4 o'clock, on the lower side of the up-stairs saloon of a certain popular restaurant in Broadway. Each of the ladies, moreover, who took the task in charge, chose a different colored paper for her replies. Finally, it was agreed that the whole six should be present at the interview, and that each should wear the exact costume prescribed for the inamorata whom the sighing swains would be there to see. On the other hand, the gentlemen were directed to appear in all the varieties of attire and position which female ingenuity and mischief could devise. One was requested to wear a blue coat and bright buttons; another, a buff vest; another was to have a blue waistcoat; another, Cahill's gaiters; another, to sport a lilac glove; another, a blue scarf; one gentleman was to have his hair parted in the middle; another was to lean back frequently, with his chair slightly on a tilt; another, to spread his handkerchief across his knee; another, to lay his cane over the corner of the table; another, to have a hat with fresh white lining; another, a drab waist-awake; and another, a cap. Then, again, one was to be eating a *Charlotte Russe*; another was to be indulging in a plate of duck; another, an ice cream; and we might as well say it, one swain, who wrote a peculiarly delicate handed note, was requested to be immersed in the awful mysteries of a plate of "pork and beans"—"a dish which," said the ingenious writer who dictated it, "you can scarcely expect will be called for by anybody else."

At four o'clock on the prescribed Saturday afternoon every chair and every table on the lower side of the up-stairs saloon was filled with sleek looking and highly perfumed Leanders, all gazing into each other's faces, and each secretly cursing the luck which wedged him so closely out of the killing positions and display which he had been meditating ever since he got his note. And how the dishes smoked, and the wondering waiters flew! Even the perplexed landlord, amazed at this miraculous flow of business, was obliged to drop his own motion chop, and call out the entire force of his establishment, to meet the clamorous, if not threatening, demands of gentlemen, who feared they might not get their telegraphing plate of duck or mess of pork and beans in time.

In degree, as the shortening minutes kept creeping closer and closer to the hour, the suppressed excitement increased, and every rustle that was heard coming up the staircase was the signal for the flash of one hundred and twenty-one white faces in that direction. At length, four o'clock struck, and though just at that moment no lady appeared rising from the stairs, an indescribable sound of anxiety pervaded the entire room, like that made by a congregation rising from prayer, or, what Irving describes as the indescribable noise caused by the falling of snow. Every hat was in its exact place, every cane and handkerchief was properly displayed, and every gaiter—whether on a hoof or petteioe—was lavishly

## The Legend of Santa Claus.

This popular name of the saint who presides over Christmas and the toy gifts of that welcome season, is derived from St. Nicholas. The legend of his first appearance is an Italian one. According to this, a shoemaker named Giraldo, who lived in Ferrara, was so miserably poor that his labor from day to day barely kept his family from starvation, and he was unable to give even a small dowry to his three pretty daughters. It was not thought proper to marry without a dowry; and thus the young girls, though each had an admirer, were compelled to remain single. Their father, however, went every morning to the shrine to pray to his patron saint, St. Nicholas, that he would work a miracle to relieve him from his distress.

One of his nearest neighbors, a rich merchant, who chanced one day to overhear his simple petition, ridiculed the idea of his expecting the saint to take care of his daughters, and recommended him to choose a patron saint who would be able to do something for him. "Mine," he said, "is the Jew-Buonajuto; he lends money to two per cent, a month; and if you know how to manage, you may make four with it. He is not so deaf as Saint Nicholas."

The poor man was shocked at his impious speech, and assured the merchant that his religious faith could never be shaken. He went every day to church, notwithstanding the other's mockery.

It was now Christmas day, when the merchant and the Jew settled up their yearly accounts; Buonajuto found he owed his friend three hundred ducats, and wishing to give him an agreeable surprise, he ordered one of the ducks he had carefully fattened to be killed and roasted, and then said John Chapman, Sr., de'd, should not be finally settled, and the assets of the same ordered to be paid out according to law, or their consent to the same will be taken *pro confesso*.

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When he recovered from his surprise, he would have taken the money back, but his wife persuaded him that, as he had bought the duck, it was rightfully his own. He therefore divided the sum between the two suitors for his two eldest daughters.

The merchant, after some days, discovered the loss of the three hundred ducats, and went to the shoemaker to demand the money, which was refused. The cause came before the magistrate, who was a pious man, and heard with indignation how cruelly the poor man had been ridiculed about his religion. His sentence was that Giraldo should keep the money, and that the merchant and the Jew should besides pay a fine for their unchristian dealings of one hundred and fifty ducats, to be given as a dowry for the shoemaker's youngest daughter.

The meaning of this legend is, that a beneficent Providence watches over and takes care of the poor who are honest, religious and truthful. The tradition runs that since that time St. Nicholas pays a visit every Christmas night to all whom he thinks worthy of his favors. He is known altogether by the name—Santa Claus.

[N. Y. Express.]

HORRIBLE STORY.—The New York correspondent of the Philadelphia Inquirer writes:

It will be remembered that the late Corporation Attorney, Lorenzo B. Shepard, Esq., was some three months ago found dead in his room, after retiring the night previous in good health. The physicians reported the cause of his death to be congestion of the heart, and the coroner's jury returned a verdict in accordance therewith. The body of Mr. Shepard was placed in a receiving vault, preparatory to its final interment in the family burial ground. A few days ago Mrs. Shepard ordered the remains of her deceased husband to be taken from the vault, but those employed for the purpose were horror struck on finding the body removed several feet from the coffin, the shroud torn into shreds, and covered with blood, giving the impression that Mr. Shepard had only been lying in a trance, and had recovered after being placed in the vault. This seems almost too horrible for belief, and I understand that a relation of Mr. Shepard denies the truth of the report, and asserts that such could not have been the case, from the fact that the body was packed in ice for over two days previous to its being placed in the vault. On the other hand, there are those who contend that Mr. Shepard was not dead at the time of placing his body in the vault, and that certain facts are in possession of the family which go to show the truth of their assertions.

FRIENDLY SENTIMENTS.—At the Pilgrim's Anniversary banquet in New York, Mr. Fillmore, one of the editors of the London Times, in closing a speech, said:

"When you are told that we think your Union must eventually be dissolved, don't believe it—we don't believe that one star will ever be taken from the glorious constellation of your flag. You and ourselves are the two branches of the great Anglo-Saxon race, and, together, we are destined to be the civilizers of the world. Our courses are different. You go West, we move towards the East; and, as friends, we shall go onward embracing the earth until the two shall meet upon the walls of China."

It is impossible to describe the enthusiasm Mr. Fillmore's remarks produced on those present. When a little silence was obtained, a gentleman got up and proposed "Nine cheers for Old and New England," which were given with a will.

GREAT SURGICAL OPERATION.—Dr. C. nochan, of New York, has, within a short time, performed again his great operation for the cure of neuralgia of the face, by excising the entire trunk of the second branch of the fifth pair of nerves, as far as the base of the skull. The patient, a medical gentleman from one of the Southern States, had been a martyr to the disease for a number of years. He is now doing well.

## STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

SPARTANBURG DISTRICT. IN THE COURT OF ORDINARY. A. C. Bonar, ex'or. appellant, vs. B. F. Bomar, and others, defendants. Citation to have Estate Settled. IT having been shown to my satisfaction that B. F. Bomar, Wm. F. Tapp, and Mary Ann his wife, W. N. Hurt, and Elizabeth his wife, B. H. C. Bomar, and the heirs at law of W. W. Bomar, de'd, and the heirs at law of Sarah Yezer, de'd, and the heirs at law of Clarissa Wood, de'd, heirs and distributees at law of Elizabeth C. Chapman, de'd, reside from and without the limits of this State; It is therefore hereby ordered, that they appear at the Court of Ordinary for said District, to be held at Spartanburg Court House, on the 20th day of February next, to show cause, if any, why the estate of the said Elizabeth C. Chapman, de'd, should not be finally settled, and the assets of the same ordered to be paid out according to law, or their consent to the same will be entered of record.

Given under my hand and seal of office, Dec. 1, 1856. R. BOWDEN, c. s. d. 121

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA. SPARTANBURG DISTRICT. IN THE COURT OF ORDINARY. James McHugh, Appl't. vs. Charles McHugh et al. defendants. Summons in partition.

IT appearing to my satisfaction that Charles McHugh, Thomas McHugh, Wilson McHugh, Alexander McHugh, and Rebecca his wife, Stephen Sazemore, and Susan his wife, and John S. Brown, heirs and distributees at law of the Estate of Sarah McHugh, de'd, reside from and without the limits of this State; It is therefore ordered, that they and each of them be and appear at the Court of Ordinary for said District, to be held at Spartanburg Court House, on the 24th day of January next, to show cause, if any exist, why the estate of said Sarah McHugh, de'd, consisting of one hundred and twenty acres of Land, more or less, lying on the waters of South Tiger River, in said District, bounded by lands of Dr. Wm. C. Kilgore, said District, should not be finally settled, and the assets of the same ordered to be paid out according to law, or their consent to the same will be taken *pro confesso*.

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